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James -

One of the items I had planned on alerting you to is a Workshop we are having in a couple weeks related to water quality and fish habitat in the Delta. Since we've not had time to chat, here's a little information on it:

On March 27, in Sacramento, EPA is sponsoring a technical workshop, with assistance from Aquatic Science Center, to evaluate and describe how the location of low salinity estuarine habitat affects ecological processes and biological indicators like fish population and primary production. The Estuary's freshwater-saltwater interface (the low salinity zone, or LSZ) contains the greatest abundance of many open water estuarine organisms. A technical facilitator will work with approximately 20 invited scientists with expertise in estuarine ecology, fisheries, hydrodynamics, modeling, and water resource management to establish a comprehensive technical foundation describing the relationship between the size and location of the low salinity zone and the abundance and resilience of estuarine organisms. This information will be used by EPA to provide input to the State Water Resources Control Board as they update the water quality criteria in the Water Quality Control Plan. Meeting participants are "by invitation". Interested observers are welcome and there will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the workshop.

I'd still like some time with you on a couple of other topics, whenever you can spare a few minutes, though I realize things in DC are pretty hectic. Thanks! - Karen

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